

FLAMES AT COVINGTON CAUSE \$100,000 LOSS

Entire Business Section of Town for Some Time Is Threatened.

FIREMEN HAVE HARD FIGHT

Several Buildings Burned—Water From Streams Quickly Freezes. National Guard Company Called Out to Help Preserve Order.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) COVINGTON, VA., February 3.—Fire here to-day in the heart of the business district burned more than \$100,000 worth of property, and for a time threatened to wipe out the entire business section of the town. The principal buildings destroyed were the New department store, T. C. Hodges' jewelry store, Bryant bowling alley, Overholz Building, Fudge Hardware company and the J. H. Munn residence.

In view of the excitement which prevailed in the face of a high wind that swept the flames forward, in spite of the efforts of the firemen, and the large amount of property carried into the streets, Mayor Butler asked for soldiers to preserve order, and a long-distance telephone message to Governor Stuart resulted in Company H, First Virginia Infantry, being called out after special policemen sworn in had found the situation beyond the control of the civil authorities. Good order soon was re-established.

FIRE PLUGS FOUND IN FROZEN CONDITION

Fire plug after fire plug which was tapped was frozen. The firemen at the end triumphed, however, and won a fight against heavy odds, being aided by the Clifton Forge department, which made the run of twelve miles with motor equipment in twenty minutes. Fireman Bernard Loving fell from an icy ladder and was severely injured, but was resting to-night, with every prospect of recovery.

All of the firemen were covered with ice, and the water froze almost as quickly as it was poured on the buildings from the several dozen streams, after connections had been made with the fire plugs.

The fire is completely out to-night, and good order prevails, Mayor Butler releasing the soldiers as soon as all danger was past.

THOMAS IS DISCHARGED FOR GOOD OF SERVICE

(Continued from First Page) without first obtaining permission so to do merely upon phoning a message to that effect to any one who might be in the superintendent's office.

COUNTERCHARGES ARE FILED WITH COUNCIL

Countercharges against the School Board, accusing it of conspiring with a local architect to defraud the city, asserting that a teachers' agency was maintained within the system in violation of the law of the State and declaring that teachers were forced to make disclosures to school authorities regarding their political standing and personal property, were filed Friday afternoon by Presley Smith, Jr., attorney for Mr. Thomas, with the clerk of the City council. The School Board took no action yesterday with reference to the charges preferred against it.

The text of the resolution dismissing Mr. Thomas follows:

Whereas Mr. R. N. Thomas, a teacher in the public schools, has acknowledged that certain statements published in the daily press emanated from him; and

Whereas these statements are of such a nature as to seriously reflect upon the management of the schools, and upon the honesty and integrity of the board; and

Whereas at a hearing given Mr. Thomas by the School Board on February 2, 1917, it was clearly proven that the charges made by the board were true, and that the statements given out to the early press, and relating upon the honesty and integrity of the board, were false, and

Whereas Mr. R. N. Thomas in a communication filed before the board on February 3, 1917, acknowledged that a number of the statements made by him, and published in the daily press, were unwarranted and made without previous investigation as to their truth or falsity, therefore

Be it resolved, That the school board is unanimously of the opinion that they have given Mr. Thomas just and fair treatment throughout, and that in everything connected with his case they have acted according to what they believed to be the best interests of the schools. The board, after an earnest and careful consideration of all facts, are of the unanimous opinion that it would seriously impair the efficiency of the schools to retain Mr. Thomas in the public school system of Richmond. He is therefore dismissed as of February 3, 1917, for the good of the service.

THOMAS FILES WRITTEN STATEMENT WITH BOARD

Before passing the resolution of dismissal the board considered the written statement of Mr. Thomas, in which he points out extenuating circumstances surrounding the remarks for which he was brought to trial. The paper presented by Mr. Thomas follows:

To the Honorable Members of the School Board of the City of Richmond:

Pursuant to the resolution adopted by the school board at its special meeting on February 2, 1917, the undersigned respectfully submits his final statement in this matter.

He desires to state that his statements in the Richmond Evening Journal, upon which the resolution citing him to appear and show cause why he should not be dismissed for making the same, were not intended as an act of insubordination, nor was it intended to reflect in any manner upon the sincerity and integrity of this honorable board, or upon the superintendent or upon Principal Graves.

The undersigned confesses to have felt somewhat humiliated when the superintendent saw fit in the interest of the schools to transfer him to another school, and to obtain from them an attitude of aloofness and disapprobation.

He confesses to them last night, which now explains the action of the superintendent in a way not understood by the undersigned when he made the said statement. The undersigned has become much attached to his work at the provocation school, and felt that he was accomplishing results with his pupils, and he regretted any conduct on the part of Mr. R. N. Thomas. A feeling of confidence resulted in the transfer of the undersigned. Another thing which contributed to make him more hasty in making unguarded statements is that he felt that after Mr. Biddle's dismissal, upon evidence given by the

undersigned, he should have received some assurance that his transfer was not because he had been somewhat active in securing Mr. Biddle's dismissal. It is apparent that the undersigned considered himself to be in the right, and observe how easy it was to make such statements upon the impulse of the moment, the whole controversy spreading out for some time and in an unsettled condition.

The undersigned would further show that he was under the impression in most cases that what was responsible for the schedule of the grade to which he had been assigned, as set forth in the printed schedule, until notified of changes therein. He frankly admits that until last night he did not know the technical distinction between a double and a combination grade, as explained by Mr. Hill.

While he had been previously notified that he would be transferred, he did not know to what school or work he would be assigned, and when the notice was received, he pursued the policy and took the action which he did, in good faith, believing he was doing what the rules required, as he informed his wife and that he felt he could not do his work until he had removed his property from the school from which he was transferred, and because of Monday's holiday, and the superintendent's absence from the city, he thought he could make no better provision.

While the undersigned does not wish to question the fact which may properly be assumed, he does wish to say that he was not retained to teach singing and sewing in the strict sense of actually having to provide in such classes, at the time he made his statements, he fully believed that such was expected of him. He now states that under the present schedule he is not assigned to work of this nature in any of his classes, and has lost sight of that the statements were made at hand to a reporter without a full investigation of their exactness before doing so.

Respectfully,
(Signed) R. N. THOMAS.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Funeral of Corporal Kincaid. Corporal Harry G. Kincaid, of the Richmond Howitzers, First Battalion, Virginia Field Artillery, who died while in the Federal service on the Mexican border, was buried at his home, in Clifton Forge, on Thursday. The funeral was held from St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Corporal Kincaid was buried with military honors, the colors from Company H, First Virginia Infantry, accompanying the funeral, by order of Governor Stuart. The body was accompanied to Clifton Forge by the wife and mother, Mrs. G. W. Kincaid, and by two cousins, Mrs. D. L. Mahoney, of Decatur, Ill., and J. T. Mahoney, of St. Augustine, Fla.

Funeral of Mrs. B. Beadles. The funeral of Mrs. Annie Bowie Beadles, wife of John B. Beadles, took place from Highland Park Methodist Church on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. The pallbearers were:

John O. Peery, W. H. Gordon, H. O. Tilzer, W. J. Hough, Leah Bremner and L. M. Johnson.

Active—J. H. Thomas, J. J. Gottrell, P. B. Hatchett, J. H. Chapel, Dr. T. H. Beadles, Dr. W. H. Parker, E. E. Bernard and A. C. Diggs.

Mrs. Beadles is survived by Mr. Beadles and four children, John, Robert, Jr., Benjamin, Bowie Beadles, Hunter Wood Beadles and Miss Frances Clark Beadles, of Highland Park, and one brother, Charles E. Beadles, of Petersburg.

She was a member of the Highland Park Methodist Church.

Walter M. Carroll.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNNHURST, OHIO, February 3.—

Walter M. Carroll, fifty-four years of age, for many years one of the best known residents of Lynnhurst, and a retired tobacconist, died this morning at his residence. He had been ill some months and his death was not unexpected.

Mr. Carroll was a son of Mrs. Sallie Carroll and the late John W. Carroll, and during the life of his father was associated with him in the tobacco business, under the firm name of John W. Carroll Tobacco Company. For a number of years Mr. Carroll had been living a retired life. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Carroll was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Mattie Gimmers, who died in 1905. In November, 1906, he married Miss Rebecca Beepo of Roanoke, who, with a little daughter, Beepo, survived him. In addition to his wife and child, he is survived by his mother, Sallie, and two brothers and sisters: William Carroll, Stanton, R. L. James Carroll, Dr. John W. Carroll, I. Holcomb Carroll, Mrs. John E. Gamaway, Mrs. James Neblett and Mrs. C. A. H. Leys, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Charles Miller, of Stanton.

Walter M. Carroll, of Lynnhurst, Ohio, died this morning at 7:30 Church Street. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and spent most of her life in church work. She was survived by one sister, Mrs. J. A. Wilkins, of this city.

Mrs. Ellen Virginia Johnson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNNHURST, OHIO, February 3.—Mrs. Ellen Virginia Johnson, sixty-eight years of age, died this morning at 7:30 Church Street. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and spent most of her life in church work. She was survived by one sister, Mrs. J. A. Wilkins, of this city.

Mrs. Grace H. Jennings.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CLEVELAND, OHIO, February 3.—Mrs. Grace Hubbard Jennings, wife of Grace Hubbard Jennings, died at her home here

two drops do the work, painlessly.

"I tell you before I heard of 'Geta-It' I used to try one thing after another for corns. I still had them. I used bandages and they made my toe

so big it was harder to put on my shoe. I used salves and other things that ate off more of the toe than they did the corn. I'd cut and dig with knives and scissors, but now no more. I've got 'Geta-It'. Two drops of 'Geta-It' did all the work. It shrivels up the corn and gets so loose that you can just pick it right off with your fingers."

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This morning, after a short illness, she leaves, besides her husband, a little daughter eight years old, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hubbard, and several sisters, all of Crewe. Interment will be in the Crewe Cemetery on Sunday afternoon.

Owen, of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Henry Easley, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Joseph Stebbins and Mrs. Bettie F. Jordan. The funeral will take place on Monday, and interment will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Hammon and Mrs. B. T. Skinner, all of this city.

Mrs. Anna Roller. HARRISONBURG, VA., February 3.—Mrs. Anna Roller, forty-six years old, wife of W. E. Roller, a wealthy resident of Weyer's Cave, Augusta County, died on Thursday night in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Richmond. She was

active in the Knights of Columbus.

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A Timely Message to Richmond People

By T. E. TRAGLE

TO-DAY WHEN THE RISING COST OF LIVING HAS MADE DRUGS AND MEDICINES ALMOST A LUXURY, HOWEVER INDISPENSABLE, IT SEEMS AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO LAY BEFORE THE PUBLIC CERTAIN POINTS OF INTEREST.

It is not that the facts are any different to-day; drugs and medicines are as necessary as they ever were, to help nature and physicians in the combat of diseases and ills that flesh is heir to.

However, present conditions, war, scarcity of chemicals, due to interruption of transportation, has forced prices to enormous heights; this naturally causes an increase of general expenses in the retail trade.

At a time like this a well poised judgment cannot help but appreciate a concern, which in face of all these difficulties, has strained every effort to keep pace with the wants and needs of the public by keeping up the highest ideal towards it, lowest possible prices, highest quality and the best of service.

For twenty years the Tragle Drug Co. has maintained this ideal, and well earned its reputation, not only as one of the largest Drug Stores in the country, but a Broad Street Institution of which Richmond can well be proud.

It is not in my mind to write an advertisement, yet you may consider these words a message to prepare you for our 20th Anniversary Sale, during which we expect to break all former records in regards to values and prices. Watch the daily papers for advertisement of prices of Drugs, Medicines, Toilet Articles, Kodaks, Stationery, Candies and Gift Goods.

Come and acquaint yourself with Tragle system, Tragle service and Tragle prices.

a daughter of the late Samuel Baker. Surviving: Mrs. Roller age 42, her husband, three children, including Charles Roller, of Sullivan, Pa.; 20-year-old son and two brothers, including Harvey Roller, of Richmond. The funeral was held this morning at Weyer's Cave.

Mrs. Clarence Metcalf. (See also to The Times-Dispatch.) GORDONSVILLE, VA., February 3.—Mrs. Clarence Metcalf died at her home, near Atwood, on Thursday morning, after an illness of several months. She was buried in the cemetery at Mineral Baptist Church on Friday morning, the services conducted by Rev. S. E. Prentiss, rector of the church of the Incarnation. Besides her husband, she leaves three small children.

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